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SUBJECT: RED FLAG CALLS FOR SUPPRESSION OF SOCIAL DISORDERS

REF: A) HONG KONG 1330 B) HONG KONG 0858

1. THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF RED FLAG FOR THE FIRST TIME SPELLS OUT WHAT THE NEW LEADERSHIP MEANS BY ITS CALL FOR "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" AND THE AIM APPARENTLY IS TO SUPPRESS THE FACTIONAL STRIFE AND THE DISORDERS AMONG LABOR AND YOUTH FANNED UP BY THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT LAST YEAR (REFTELS). THE HEART OF THE ARTICLE IS A CALL TO BE "VIGILANT AGAINST CLASS ENEMIES MAKING USE OF THE SLOGAN OF DEMOCRACY TO UNDERMINE THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY AND THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT." THE ARTICLE MAKES CLEAR THAT "THE DEMOCRACY WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS A HIGHLY CENTRALIZED, GUIDED DEMOCRACY AND NOT A DEMOCRACY THAT IS SEPARATED FROM CENTRALISM."

2. THE ARTICLE IS TOLERANT IN DISCUSSING THE REMNANTS OF  
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PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE RURAL AREA BUT IN CONTRAST, IN A

RARE ADMISSION OF CRIME IN CHINA, COMES DOWN HARD AGAINST  
"THIEVES, SWINDLERS, MURDERS, ARSONISTS AND HOOLIGAN GANGS."

3. COMMENT: THIS IS A FRANK AND AUTHORITATIVE DECLARATION  
OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE NEW LEADERSHIP VIEWS THE  
REBELLIOUSNESS STIRRED UP BY THE MOVEMENT LAST YEAR. THE  
CONTRAST WITH WANG HUNG-WEN'S SPEECH AT THE 10TH PARTY  
CONGRESS 18 MONTHS AGO, CALLING FOR MASS AGITATION AND THE  
THROWING OFF OF SUPPRESSION, IS AN INDICATION OF HOW THE  
REGIME'S MOOD HAS CHANGED. IT WAS APPARENT THAT  
REBELLIOUSNESS, PARTICULARLY AMONG LABOR AND YOUTH, WOULD  
BE AMONG THE FIRST TASKS FACING THE NEW LEADERSHIP (HONG  
KONG 0671) AND THE POLICY APPARENTLY IS TO TAKE A FIRM  
HAND. THIS FITS WITH THE REGIME'S NEW DEDICATION TO  
NATIONAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.  
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